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CALIFORNIA MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSION OF OXYCONTIN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a California man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegal possession of oxycontin and oxycodone.

Ryan S. Cavanagh, 21, of Chico, Calif., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Cavanagh** possessed with intent to distribute oxycontin and oxycodone on Aug. 27, 2004, in Jackson County, Mo. In a notice of special findings, the indictment alleges that **Cavanagh** possessed at least 15 grams but not more than 59 grams of the narcotics.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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